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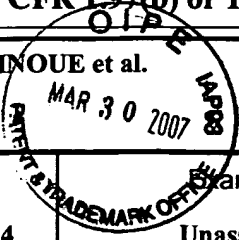
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. United States Patent No. 4,661,558, dated April 28, 1987 issued to Bell et al.;
2. United States Patent No. 3,458,460, dated July 29, 1969 issued to Shepard et al.;

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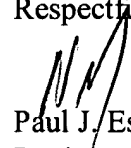
3. United States Patent No. 5,178,989, dated January 12, 1993 issued to Heller et al.; and
4. International Patent Publication No. WO 02/49573 A2, dated June 27, 2002.

The references were cited in a European Search Report dated February 22, 2007.

Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

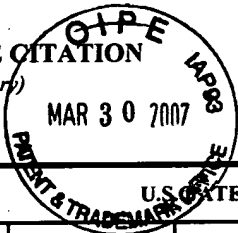
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